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2        1.     A device for reading information recorded on a magnetic strip

3     incorporated in printed media, comprising:

4            a first guide member;

5            a second guide member disposed in proximity to said first guide member

6     to form a groove through which said magnetic strip may be slidably moved;

7            a magnetic reading head having a contact end disposed in said groove and

8     facing said first guide member which is operable when said magnetic strip is slidably

9     moved through said groove to generate an electrical signal therefrom;

10           a strip of resilient material held in a flexed position between a pair of

11    mounts disposed on either side of said magnetic reading head, so as to cause said strip to

12    engage said magnetic reading head and apply a force thereto so as to bias said contact end

13    thereof toward said first guide member; and

14           a circuit to process said electronic signal to generate therefrom an output

15    compatible with a peripheral input provided on a computer.

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